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PATENT

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In Re U.S. Patent Application)
Applicant: JANSEN et al.)
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned)
Filed: Herewith)
For: **METHOD FOR THE RAPID**)
DETERMINATION OF)
BACTERIA)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for entry in the above-identified application.

In the Specification:

Please add the attached Abstract page.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims as follows:

1. A method for determining a bacterium suspected of being present in a sample comprising
 - a) testing said sample by Gram-staining and
 - b) testing said sample with a probe according to an in situ hybridisation protocol selected on the basis of the outcome of said Gram-staining.